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## Application for Patent Term Adjustment

The applicant submits the following application under 37 CFR 1.705(b) and respectfully requests that the Commissioner adjust the Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) stated in the Notice of Allowance from 593 days to 680 days. According to the PTA History available on PAIR, the Patent Office reduced the PTA by 87 days on 22 November 2004 response to receiving an IDS from the applicant. This IDS was mailed to the Patent Office on 18 November 2004 responsive to a foreign search report mailed by a foreign patent office on 15 November 2004. Per 37 CFR 1.704(d), the PTA will not be reduced when an IDS listing references cited in a communication by a foreign patent office is filed with the Patent Office within 30 days of the mailing date of the foreign communication. Because the applicant filed the IDS well within the 30 day time period, the Patent Office should not have reduced the PTA by any amount responsive to this IDS. As such, the 87 days reduction is erroneous and should be removed. The instant application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

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The applicant includes a check for \$200 to cover the fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e) for this application. The applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 18-1167. Should the Patent Office need any further information from the applicant, the applicant requests that the Patent Office contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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